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Sir or Madam,

I am writing to express my concern and opposition to the proposed settlement over the Microsoft Antitrust case.

To my understanding, the courts have found it to be a fact that Microsoft, repeatedly and with malicious intent, utilized its OS monopoly to unfairly damage competitors and restrict innovation while simultaneously using it as a wedge to expand its' own list of (often inferior) products into new arenas.

As a 'punishment' for this, the settlement proposes (among other things) to allow Microsoft to \_increase\_ its exposure in one of the few major niches in which MS is not yet the major presence - education hardware and software.

The purpose for assisting a known malicious monopoly to expand that monopoly as a form of punishment escapes me.

Please do NOT settle on the provided basis. The proposed terms will, at best, do little or nothing to inhibit Microsoft and could, at worst, actually prove to enhance the MS market position.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

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